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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

TANAKA ET AL.

Examiner

Douglas W. Owens

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09961355.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/14/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

3. Claim 7 recites the limitation "...the equipment" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The scope is vague, since it not known what equipment is being referenced.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1 – 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,513,719 to Imura in view of US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0025726 to Nishimura.

Regarding claim 1, Imura teaches a nonvolatile semiconductor memory package (Fig. 3; Col. 2, lines 49 – 58) comprising:

a memory device (315) having a memory cell array including a plurality of nonvolatile semiconductor memory cells;

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a control portion (316; 310) configured to control the memory device;

a network interface (302) connectable to a network;

a file management portion (316) connected to the network interface configured to manage a relationship between a data file given from the network and an address of the memory cell array; and

a memory interface (309) connected to the file management portion configured to convert a signal given from the network to a signal which is capable of being used at the control portion.

Imura does not teach that the package is wrapped by an insulating material. Nishimura teaches a nonvolatile semiconductor memory package (Fig. 3), wherein the package is wrapped by an insulating material (2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Nishimura into the device taught by Imura, since it is desirable to protect the package from the environment.

Regarding claim 2, Imura teaches a package, wherein the network interface corresponds to a transmission control protocol (Col. 6, lines 22 – 26).

Regarding claims 3 – 5, Imura does not explicitly disclose using file transfer protocol, anonymous file transfer protocol and point-to-point protocol. One having ordinary skill in the art would recognize that transmission control protocol is the backbone of the cited protocols, all of which are commonly used in the art. It would have been obvious to connect to a network by using any of these protocols since it is desirable to use known and reliable data transfer methods.

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Regarding claim 6, Imura teaches a package, wherein the package is connectable to equipment disconnected from the network.

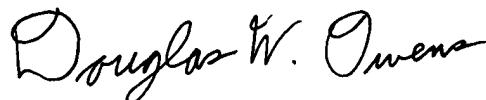
Regarding claim 7, as far as an indefinite claim can be understood, Imura teaches a package, wherein the package works as a storage device for the equipment.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas W. Owens whose telephone number is 571-272-1662. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on 571-272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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